

**NAVAL INSPECTOR GENERAL
COMMAND INSPECTION OF
STRATEGIC SYSTEMS PROGRAMS
23 to 31 January 2013**



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Encl: (1) SSP Command Inspection Report - Executive Summary
(2) SSP Command Inspection Report

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Naval Inspector General conducted a command inspection of the Strategic Systems Programs (SSP) from 23 January to 31 January 2013.

2. Enclosure (1) provides an Executive Summary of the SSP Command Inspection Report. Enclosure (2) provides the entire inspection report. Part 1 of the report forwards our overall observations and findings. Part 2 contains eight issue papers which present specific findings and recommendations for senior Navy leadership. Part 2 also contains a corrective action summary matrix and guidance for submission of corrective action via an Implementation Status Report. Part 3 contains the summary of survey data analysis for active duty military and Department of the Navy (DON) civilian personnel and the summary of focus group data analysis for active duty military and DON civilian personnel.

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STRATEGIC SYSTEMS PROGRAMS
COMMAND INSPECTION REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Naval Inspector General (NAVINSGEN) conducted a command inspection of Strategic Systems Programs (SSP) from 23 to 31 January 2013. The last SSP Command Inspection was in August 2005. In general, we found the SSP staff to be professional, dedicated, and well led at all levels. Staff directorates were well prepared for the inspection and most SSP programs were well administered.

2. Command Overview. The mission of SSP is to provide material support (acquisition and fleet support) for Strategic Weapons Systems and other assigned programs, including missiles, platforms, associated equipment, security, training of personnel, and installation and direction of necessary supporting facilities; to provide strike weapon and associated payload material support (acquisition and fleet support) to other program executive officers and program managers as assigned; to manage and support Department of the Navy (DON) implementation and compliance process for current and future arms control agreements; to provide program management for Nuclear Weapons Security during weapon receipt, storage, processing, and Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN) loading and unloading, as well as while on SSBNs at the waterfront and during transit to and from the dive point; to perform other functions, tasks or emerging mission as assigned by higher authority.

3. Inspection Summary/Scope. SSP is accomplishing its strategic deterrence mission. The command's primary focus on SWS and nuclear weapons security remains paramount, backed by 57 years of deliberate precision in adherence to mission imperatives. SSP is a complex enterprise of over 5,200 people, including a headquarters staff of over 600 personnel. It relies on continued successful missile test flights to prove weapon accuracy and reliability to meet U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM) planning assumptions. Despite the fact SSP has recently relocated three times, it has sustained a track record of successful strategic systems development, production, and deployment. SSP applies an active self-assessment and improvement process to nuclear weapons safety and security, accident/incident response, reliability, and personnel policies.

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